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(TEL AVIV) -- OFFICIALS AT ISRAEL'S BEN GURION AIRPORT SAY THAT AN AIR FRANCE FLIGHT ORIGINATING IN TEL AVIV WAS HIJACKED TODAY AFTER LANDING IN ATHENS.

THE PLANE, AN "AIRBUS" JUMBO JET DESTINED FOR PARIS, HAD 233 PASSENGERS ABOARD.

THE HIJACKERS, WHO OFFICIALS SAID PROBABLY BOARDED IN ATHENS, ORDERED THE PLANE TO FLY TO BENGHAZI (BEN-GAH'-ZEE), LIBYA AFTER TAKEOFF FROM GREECE. --

OFFICIALS SAID TIGHT SECURITY AT BEN GURION AIRPORT WOULD MAKE NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIJACKERS TO BOARD THERE.

EIGHTY-THREE ISRAELIS WERE SAID TO BE AMONG THE PASSENGERS ON THE COMMANDEERED PLANE.

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